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I'm writing to voice my opposition to the so-called preferred proposal adopted at the last meeting. I object to the manner in which it was selected even more than I object to the content. Having attended both days of the March meeting I was feeling comfortable that the process was fair and not being manipulated by any one interest but a rational compromise between all. I even went so far as to tell many people back home that even though we weren't going to get things our way, we could be proud of the process and that we made a difference somehow.

My impression is now that the whole process was a fraud and the publics' participation in it not only a waste of time but an insult to the people of this state no matter what side they're on. It seems as if the true agenda has finally been revealed and it is nothing but a pure disgrace to environmentalists everywhere to have had to stoop to such tactics. When people find out about this they will be outraged and the backlash will be tremendous. You will have a victory in name only as this entire process and the reputation of the Department of Fish and Game in California will be forever tarnished by this complete breach of ethics.

On a personal note, accepting the MLPA was one of the hardest things I've gone through in my life, almost as hard as the loss of my father. It truly breaks my heart to see this happen this way and I feel deeply sorry for you people because as great as my loss may be at least I will still have my memories and my dignity.

Regrettably, Tracy Buell , Point Arena California.